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Nebraska breeders purse program has been decimated by the onslaught of gambling opportunities in bordering states. Without question, the thoroughbred Nebraska breeders program is currently struggling. Due to the evaporation of money from the Nebraska purse program, it is not feasible for breeders to raise thoroughbreds in Nebraska. Nebraska breeders are now having their foals dropped in Iowa or Illinois. This is done so that the yearlings will be considered Iowa- or Illinois-bred, and thereby be eligible for Iowa and Illinois breeders supplement within the purse structure of these states. Nebraska then loses all the agricultural economy collateral benefits that support a thoroughbred farming operation. Senator Janssen this morning spoke of the collateral benefits of the thoroughbred farming economy in the state of Nebraska. And all of them benefits are lost due to the decimation of the purse structure here in the state of Nebraska. As I see it, Senator Schrock's amendment would simply be an attempt to enhance the Nebraska breeder's program, to reinstate the concept of thoroughbred agriculture in the state of Nebraska, which we are currently losing. And, as I said, it's just not feasible anymore for a breeder to conduct his business at this point in the state of Nebraska with the current purse structures that are available to them in the Nebraska circuit. So I think Senator Schrock...as I view Senator Schrock's amendment, it is simply an attempt to resurrect this industry. And that is probably one of the main reasons I support the amendment. Thank you.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: (Visitors introduced.) Senator Aguilar.

SENATOR AGUILAR: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. I rise in support of Senator Schrock's amendment and I want to address a couple of comments that were made earlier by other senators, especially in reference to Fonner Park. One of the comments were that the Grand Island business community or any business community that a racetrack could have their economy hurt. I don't think I've ever heard a businessman from Grand Island say that Fonner Park has hurt our business economy. If anything it's just the opposite. Also, there was a question brought about that with this amendment there could be up to 14 more casinos. Well, I'd like to remind the body that that's not likely because, first of all, this has to go to a vote of